



Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 27th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a wonderful half term together. It has been lovely to welcome you and the pupils this Monday and hear what they have been up to over the half term holiday. It is extraordinary to be able to enjoy this wonderful weather; this time last year, we were in the grips of heavy snow!

At the end of last half term, our spring cycle of Class Briefings began with our Reception Class Briefing. The Year 6 Class Briefing will take place this Friday 1st March at 2:00pm. Further dates for class briefings can be found below:

Date	Class
Friday 1 st March at 2:00pm	Year 6
Friday 8 th March at 2:00pm	Year 3
Friday 15 th March at 2:00pm	Year 2
Friday 22 nd March at 2:00pm	Year 1
Friday 29 th March at 2:00pm	Year 4
Friday 5 th April at 2:00pm	Year 5

As we have commenced a new half term, some of the classes have begun new topics. Details on your children's curriculum can be found on the school website and class pages.

Just before half term, we learned some very exciting news that Miss McLoughlin has become engaged! I am sure you will join me in congratulating her in this lovely news. It appears that those choir members that are able to might be invited to take part in a special role on the big day!

Finally, we have some exciting projects coming up in improving the school's internal and external environment. We are working closely with the PTA to rally support and volunteers to help with different jobs. Next week, this is likely to commence with filling, preparing and painting the library! If you do feel able to help, we would be very pleased!

With best wishes,

Mr. Grey

Announcements

Changes to menu

Pancake Day (Tuesday 5th March)

Sausage, beans & chips

Or

Veggie sausage, beans & chips

Or

Jacket Potato

Pancakes with a choice of toppings

Term dates for next year

All term dates and INSET days have been agreed and are now on the school website under 'Dates'.

Headlice/threadworms

Unfortunately, we have had a case of threadworms in school. Please be vigilant and check for child(ren) for signs of these. For further information, please see the letter on the website, or ask for a hard copy at the office. Please can we also ask that you make regular checks on your child for headlice. Thank you.

World Book Day (Thursday 7th March)

Once again, as part of World Book Day celebrations we invite children to dress up. This year, each year group is focusing their attention on a theme and / or author. Please see below for your child's year group:

Reception - Nursery Rhymes and Poetry characters

Year 1 - Julia Donaldson

Year 2 - Roald Dahl

Year 3 – David Walliams

Year 4 - Fantasy Stories

Year 5 - Michael Morpurgo

Year 6 - Shakespeare

Volunteers needed for Forest School sessions

In order to maintain a safe ratio of adults to children we are looking for some more volunteers to help us carry out regular 'forest school' sessions every Wednesday afternoon in Reception after half term. If you think you might enjoy spending a couple of hours helping to make dens, crawl under low branches, create a mud pie or find a bug or two out on the meadow or in the wildlife area, please let the office know or speak to a member of the Reception Team. You do not need to commit to helping every week, but if you are able to sign up for just one session, your help will be much appreciated. For more information, please see the letter attached.

Thank you, Mrs Clarke

Forest School (Year 3)

Year 3 will be changing one of our forest school sessions as it clashes with World Book Day. The final forest school session for Year 3 with Mrs Clarke will now be Thursday 14th March and not on Thursday 7th March.

Illness in school

Please can we remind parents that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode (as recommended by the NHS and Department for Education). These rules are put in place to limit the spread of illness throughout the school (both for children and staff members).

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Class List

The PTA would like to ensure that as many parents as possible are aware of 'Class List'. This is a great way to keep in touch with the other parents in your class and should help to ensure good communication between parents. Please get in touch with your class' PTA representatives for assistance.

General Routines and Reminders

Packed lunches

A reminder, please that packed lunches should be healthy, balanced meals – they should not include fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars

Nut Awareness

Please note, we are a 'Nut Free School'. Due to medical needs, pupils and staff should not bring any items in containing nuts. This includes any items in **pack lunches**.

With this in mind, may I take this opportunity to remind parents that the invitation to bring a KS2 break time snack is for **an actual piece of fruit not a cereal bar or fruit snack**.

Thank you for your understanding in this.

School Dinners

Dinner money is £2.30 per meal or £11.50 per week. The school is not able to allow debts of more than £15. A letter will be sent if you are in debt for more than 1 week.

Please will you make every effort to pay this online using www.schoolgateway.com . If you need any information about registering for this please contact the school office.

If you are unable to access the internet then make cheques payable to **Shelford Primary School** and write your child's name on the reverse stating that the cheque is for lunch money. Thank you.

The menu and lots of other information about school lunches can be found on Leicestershire Traded Services website:- <http://www.leicestershiretradedservices.org.uk/Page/1555> Please let the school know of any special dietary requirements.

Medicines in school

Please be reminded that **all** medicines must be given to the school office staff. Please fill out a form in the office if you need a medicine to be given to your child during school hours.

School Uniform

Uniform is ordered online. Please log on via the link below

<http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php?pdPage=login>. Items will be sent directly to you at home. There is free delivery to your home with orders over £50. Alternatively, any order amount can be delivered to school for free.

Payment for book bags, recorders etc.

When paying for items available from the office, **please bring the correct money as the office does not keep any petty cash for change**. Prices are as follows:

Book bags £6.00, Recorder books: £4.00, Recorders: £9 or £16, School hats: £2.50